

# Zero Beat

Hampden County Radio Association, Inc.

Our 41<sup>st</sup> ARRL affiliated year  
Special Service Club

Serving Greater Springfield, MA

## September Meeting

Summer is over, and once again it is time to start the monthly HCRA meetings. The September meeting will take place on Friday, September 8th at 8:00 PM, and will feature the HCRA Field Day 1989 effort. Continental Cablevision produced a 30 minute feature on our Field Day effort which has been aired on cable TV several times during the summer. We will be showing this tape at the September meeting. Several people who participated in the effort will give short talks on their experiences this past year. You'll learn all about our triumphs and errors (yes, we did learn some things *not* to do next year!)

## Novice Instructors Needed

We are looking for instructors to help teach novice classes. If you would be interested in helping with classes, please contact Jeanette KA1MEW at 786-1463. You do not have to commit to teaching every class, we are looking for people to come in and give a demo or talk about a particular topic for an evening. If you've got some particular subject you like to talk about, you might be able to spark the interest of a new prospective ham—We need you!

We are also looking for someone who can coordinate the sessions. This does not mean you need to lecture at all the classes. You merely need to organize who will be doing what for each class.

## Field Day 1989

This past June, the Hampden County Radio Association Field Day Team put in a superb effort for the yearly Field Day contest. We ran transmitter class 9A, which means that we had as many as 9 transmitters on the air *simultaneously*! The weather, operators, and bands held out, and we all had a great time. Here's a quick rundown of each operating position set up:

**160 meters—W1KK:** Drake TR5, longwire antenna, and solar charged batteries to obtain bonus points.

**80 meters—NQ1C:** Yaesu FT-767, 320 foot zepp antenna.

**40 meter CW—K1XM:** Icom IC731, 2 element delta beam at 70 feet.

**40 meter SSB—N1DPM:** Icom IC765, 2 element delta beam at 70 feet.

**20 meter CW—NO1Z:** Icom IC781, 3 element yagi at 70 feet.

**20 meter SSB—KA1ZE:** Icom IC781, 3 element yagi at 60 feet.

**17 meters—W1KK:** TR5, longwire.

**15 meter CW—NC1B:** Kenwood TS940S, 4 element yagi at 40 feet.

**15 meter SSB—KA1KRJ:** Kenwood TS440, 4 element yagi at 30 feet.

**Next meeting will be Friday, September 8th, 8:00PM at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church**

**Next board meeting will be Thursday, September 14th, 7:30PM at Steve WA1EYF's house**

**Next VE exam will be Wednesday, October 4th, 7:00PM at the Agawam High School**

## Club Officers

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**10 meters—NR1L:** Yaesu FT-757, 4 element yagi at 30 feet.

**N o v i c e — K A 1 T M V :**  
Kenwood TS440, 4 element yagi at  
40 feet.

**Satellite—KA1QAS:** Yaesu  
FT-726, 2m and 70cm beams.

**Packet—KA1KRJ:**  
Commodore 64, PK64, Kenwood  
HT, 15 element 2m beam.

Here's a list of some of the calls involved in the weekend: Bob KA1KPH, Charlotte KQ1F, Paul KX1M, Kevin NR1L, Fred N1DPM, Frank NC1I, Sean NC1B, Steve WA1HFF, Al NA1W, Art W1KK, KA1MZB, Bob K1CPJ, Bob KA1XN, Scott KA1QAS, Todd KA1TMV, Jim KA1TNF, Adam N1GVV, Chris NO1Z, Bob NQ1C, Tony KA1HTJ, Jack KA1KRJ, Jeanette KA1MEW, Rusty NM1K, Jack WA1YYK, Stan KA1ZE, and many others. If I missed you, sorry...I wasn't taking notes!

Continental Cablevision was there with their cameras rolling through much of the setup, takedown, and operation. They were even shooting footage at 1:00 in the morning! We also had the Springfield Newspapers interviewing several operators.

## VE Exams

Exams are sponsored by the HCRA on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM *sharp* at the Agawam High School. VE's are also needed. If you are interested in taking an exam or helping give exams, please contact Jeanette KA1MEW at 786-1463.

The next exam will be October 4th.

## HCRA Meetings

First Friday of each month at  
Feeding Hills Congregational Church  
Center of Feeding Hills  
Intersection of routes 57 & 187  
Doors open at 7:30 PM  
Meeting starts promptly at 8:00 PM

## Local Nets

HCRA 10 Meter Net	Thursday 9:00 PM 28.650
Nutmeg VHF Traffic Net	Daily 9:30 PM 146.28/88
80 Meter Ragchew Net	Tuesday 8:00 PM 3.709 Mhz
WMPN	Daily 6:00 PM 3.937
WMSN	Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 PM 3.713
WMN	Daily 7:00 PM 3.562
WMTN	Monday-Friday 1:00 PM 146.31/91
CPN	Monday-Saturday 6:00 PM 3.965
	Sunday 10:00 AM 3.965
Mt. Tom Information Net	Wednesday 7:30 PM 146.34/94
Mt. Tom Swap Net	Follows Mt. Tom Information Net
Mt. Tom Emergency Net	Sunday 8:45 AM 146.34/94
Agawam Civil Defense Net	Monday 8:00 PM 449.175 & 146.70
RASON	Daily 9:00 PM 146.13/73
WESCON	Daily 8:30 PM 147.78/18
CN	Daily 7:00 & 10:00 PM 3.640
CSN	Monday-Friday 7:30 PM 3.720
CSTN	KY1T PBBS, 145.01 Mhz

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